SHANKARANAND): (a) The Indian Medical Association (I.M.A.) have informed that they have worked out a draft professional Indemnity Scheme for their members.

(b) Government will react only when the final scheme is submitted by the I.M.A.

(c) According to the I.M.A. the Membership was 88,995 as on 30.9.1993.

(d) The details are yet to be finalised by I.M.A.

Reservation of Foreign Students in Registered Private Medical Colleges

2784. SHRI AHMED MOHMED BHAI PATEL:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has expressed concern and surprise over the Union Government's policy seeking for reserving 50 per cent seats in Private Registered Medical Colleges for foreign students;

(b) if so, whether they have issued any directives for reducing the same;

(c) whether Government have conceded the directives issued by the Supreme Court; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (d) The Supreme Court in the judgement dated 7th October, 1993 have restricted the admission of foreigners and N.R.Is to 15% of the total intake for the academic year 1993-94. The State Governments and concerned private medical colleges have to implement the Court's orders.

Dental Services in Government Hospitals

2785. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the Government hospitals are providing service of fixing artificial teeth to patients;

(b) if so, what are the details of these hospitals, State-wise, and Union-Territory-wise with formalities to be undertaken by patients in this regard;

(c) whether Government propose to extend this service in some more Government hospitals of the country; and

(d) if so, the names of these hospitals State-wise and Union Territory-wise and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (d) Health is a State subject and the provision of health care services including dental services is the responsibility of the State Governments. However, Central Government hospitals are not providing the services of fixing artificial teath to patients.

Recognition to Private Medical Practitioners

2786. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representations from the "Private Medical Practitioners Association of India" to grant recognition to their members based on certain norms;

(b) what steps have been taken by Government in this regard;

(c) whether the petitioners have been called for a meeting to discuss across the table their problems;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and